GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SEED TRIAL OF SALINGER COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given sanction for the seed trial of Salinger Cotton of Monsanto;

(b) if so, the number of applications pending for seed trials as on October 01, 2005;

(c) whether is the cotton only cash crop being looked at for genetically altered seeds;

(d) if so, whether any report has been prepared on Catch 22 cotton and B.T. cotton so far;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) the area under cultivation for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): The Government is not aware of the trials of Salinger Cotton seed of Monsanto. No application from M/s Monsanto for trial of Salinger Cotton seed is pending.

(c): In addition to Cotton, biotechnology research is being conducted on brinjal, cauliflower, mustard, potato, rice in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) − state Agricultural Universities (SAUs) research System.

(d)to(f): The Government is not aware of Catch 22 cotton. Area under cultivation of Bt. Cotton is as under:-

(Area in acres)

State	Kharif-2002	Kharif -2003	Kharif -2004
Andhra Pradesh	9,404	13,500	1,76,000
Madhya Pradesh	3,676	33,000	2,12,798
Gujarat	22,577	1,03,000	3,11,157
Maharashtra	30,699	54,000	3,99,000
Karnataka	5,401	7,500	84,764
Tamil Nadu	925	19,000	29,640
Total	72,682	2,30,000	12,13,359